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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/615,168	Applicant(s) LIU ET AL.	
	Examiner Steven M Marsh	Art Unit 3632	

**– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is the second office action for U.S. Application 10/615,168 for a Display with Replaceable Stand filed by Chia-Yu Liu on July 7, 2003.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicant claims "a main body selectively supported by the second stand while the first stand is connected to the second stand or merely by the first stand". However when the first and second stand are connected, they both support the main body. As shown in figs. 3 and 5, while stands 4 and 5 are connected the part 51 is balancing the arrangement, while the portion 2 is connected to the display in the back. Therefore, while the stands are connected they are both supporting the main body. The claim is being examined to the best extent possible.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,366,197 to Westland. Westland discloses a first stand (14) and a second stand (12) detachably connected to the first stand. There is a main body (56) selectively supported only by the second stand while the first stand is connected to the second stand. The second stand has a flat bottom surface (32) to stabilize the main body and includes a rail inside (52) for guiding insertion of the first stand into the second stand.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,478,275 B1 to Huang. Huang discloses a flat display with a first stand (40) and a second stand (30) detachably connected to the first stand. There is a main body (20) selectively supported by the second stand while the first stand is connected to the second stand. The first stand is hinged to the main body (at 32 or 34) and the second stand is hollow to house the first stand when the stands are connected. There is a spring (50) disposed in the second stand and the first stand defines a hole (at the top for receiving 32 or 34). The second stand includes an engaging portion (32 or 34) fit into the hole of the first stand when the stands are connected together and there is a button (the head portion on the ends of 32 or 34).

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed September 24, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to

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show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., a main body capable of being supported by the second stand when it is connected to the first stand and also the first stand alone) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Applicant argues that the wording of claims 1 and 9 requires that the main body be capable of being supported by both the second stand while connected to the first stand and the first stand alone. However, the claim only requires that the main body be supported by one or the other.

Applicant also argues that the first and second stand (40 and 30) of Huang are pivotally secured. The Examiner agrees, however, the first and second stands can be detached by removing parts 31, 32, 34, and 42.

### ***Conclusion***


Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the


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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Marsh whose telephone number is (703) 305-0098. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

  
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December 12, 2004

  
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